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Cabot Lodge in Paris. Cabot [redacted] telephoned me a few days ago, saying he had to resign and go home; he advocated that Oliver Franks take over from him. This would be ideal, but I doubt Oliver would do it. He has been in demand for many positions, but I assume he will wish to continue his work at Oxford without becoming too enmeshed in foreign distractions.

We were on an Air France Caravelle by 11:50, looking forward to a fifty-minute flight through a cloudless sky, when the order came to return, since the London Airport was closed down by fog. A couple of hours later, we took off. Al Wells met us, and we arranged for Heath to lunch with me tomorrow.

At home we found the new butler, Keegan, who relieved Hutchins yesterday of the keys of office. Poor fellow, he was suffering from an abscessed tooth, but even more, it seems, from the shock of finding, when going over the inventory, that a considerable quantity of our silver was missing. I suppose some of it literally went down the drain, and other small pieces were stolen by the nondescript lot of washers-up and casuals who are temporarily employed to assist at large parties. It does perplex me, however, that four articles of silver gilt are missing from a canteen that has only been used once. Perhaps an amateur mistook them for gold.

Otherwise, all was well at home. A general exodus of Hutchins' retainers is impending, but he and his wife are already comfortably ensconced in lodgings provided by the Peabody Foundation.

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I had news yesterday that George White's slight cerebral hemorrhage is

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yielding to treatment. Thank God, he is better. He has been associated with me

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I would advocate letting this petty ~~controversy~~ sink into the slough it merits. Anyhow, I think any vague London interest in it will be replaced, as of today, ~~with~~ by the engaging topic of Dean Acheson's speech last night at West Point.

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